France was to discuss and finalise various commercial and technical details and to see the manufacturing capability of the party.

(e) and (f) The visit abroad are undertaken only when it is essential and in the public interest.

Government companies under Companies Act

3641. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the companies which are 'deemed government companies' under Section 619(B) of the Companies Act of 1956;

(b) how many companies have submitted their accounts for auditing to the Comptroller & Auditor General of India; and

(c) what action has been taken by Central Government against such companies which have not submitted their accounts to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) As per information available with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, there were 96 companies under section 619B of the Companies Act as on 31-3-1985. The names of these companies are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 100].

Of these, till 31-10-1986, 61 companies had submitted their accounts upto 1984-85.

Under Section 619 (3) of the Companies Act, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India is empowered to require the companies to furnish information for purpose of a supplementary or test audit.

Import of Penicillin-G

2642. SHRI M. P. KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make a change in the duty on the import of Penicillin-G with immediate effect so as to make it available to the common man of the country;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Potassium Penicillin G/V 1st Crystals which are imported for the production of inter-mediates like 6-Amino Penicillinic Acid are already levied nil rate of customs duty.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to part (a), do not arise.

Suggestion by Planning Commission to close some sick Public Sectors

2643. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested to his Ministry for the closure of some of the sick Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, what are these sick units;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission has also suggested some measure to protect the indigenous capital goods industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) No

such specific suggestion has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Group of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Planning) submitted a report on policy outline for reduction in the imports of capital goods by the Public Sector Projects. The main thrust of recommendations is better utilisation of the capacity of the public sector capital goods manufacturers through a longer term and sustained approach towards technology upgradation, strengthening of the capabilities of the public sector capital goods manufacturers and developing effective linakage with the user sectors. The Government have broadly accepted the recommendations and have directed the concerned Ministries to take necessary action.

Purchase of sub-standard medicines by DESU

2644. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament have demanded an enquiry in the matter of involvement of General Manager of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking alongwith the Chief Medical Officer in the purchase of Sub-standard medicine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such complaints have revealed that the undue favours by General Manager of DESU towards the Chief Medical officer has caused loss worth lakhs of rupees to DESU;

(c) if so, whether Government have ordered an enquiry against the General Manager to probe into the misuse of public money; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to DESU, no undue favour has been shown to the Chief Medical Officer and as such the question of any financial loss to DESU does not arise.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of answer to (b) above.

Manufacture of cement at subsidised cost

2645. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost incurred in transporting raw materials for the manufacture of cement will be subsidised by the Central Government;

(b) if so, by when it was decided by the Government;

(c) what is the amount earmarked for this purpose; and

(d) how many cement manufacturers from Andhra Pradesh will be benefited by this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no scheme specifically for giving subsidy on transport of raw material to the cement industry. However, under the Central Transport Subsidy Scheme, 1971, the cement units like other industrial units, set up in hilly and remote areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, North Eastern region etc. are entitled to transport subsidy on the transport cost incurred on the movement of raw materials and finished goods to and from certain selected rail heads/ports upto the location of the industrial units and *vice-versa*.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.